

CLAIMS:

1. A device for equipping a recliner with one or more accessories, comprising a base frame portion having a periphery which is complementary with and removably attachable to a section of the recliner, the base frame including a number of mounting locations, and a plurality of recliner accessories, each of which is arranged for attachment to a corresponding one or more of said mounting locations, in order to be positioned in an operative position on an exterior of the recliner.
- 10 2. A device as defined in claim 1, further comprising a first sleeve member at one or more of said mounting locations, the first sleeve member being positioned so as to be exposed to or accessible from a peripheral region of the recliner.
- 15 3. A device as defined in claim 2, further comprising a pair of first sleeve members at one or more of said mounting locations, the pair of first sleeve members being arranged to be oriented horizontally adjacent a side peripheral edge region, a rear peripheral edge region or a front peripheral region of the recliner.
4. A device as defined in claim 1, further comprising a second sleeve member at one or more of said mounting locations, the second sleeve member being arranged to be oriented vertically adjacent a side peripheral edge region, a rear peripheral edge region or a front peripheral edge region and to be exposed to or accessible from a peripheral region of the recliner.
- 20 5. A device as defined in claim 4, wherein each of the second sleeve members is arranged to be oriented vertically and positioned adjacent a side face, a rear face or a front face of the recliner.
- 25 6. A device as defined in claim 5, wherein one or more of the second sleeve members is arranged to be oriented vertically and positioned near a respective corner of the recliner.

7. A device as defined in claim 1 wherein the device further comprises an undercarriage to render the recliner mobile when the device is mounted thereon.
- 5 8. A device as defined in claim 7 wherein the undercarriage includes a pair of rear caster wheels, each of which is mounted on the base frame portion in order to be located against each rear corner of the recliner.
9. A device as defined in claim 8 wherein the undercarriage includes a pair of front caster wheels, each to be located against each front corner of the recliner.
- 10 10. A device as defined in claim 1 wherein the base frame portion includes a pair of corner formations, each to enclose a corresponding corner region of the recliner.
- 15 11. A device as defined in claim 10, further comprising a frame member joining the corner formations together.
12. A device as defined in claim 10 wherein each corner formation includes a bottom portion to engage a bottom face of the recliner.
- 20 13. A device as defined in claim 12 wherein each corner formation includes a side portion to engage a side face of the recliner.
14. A device as defined in claim 13 wherein each corner formation includes a rear portion to engage a rear face of the recliner.
- 25 15. A device as defined in claim 14 wherein the bottom, side and rear portions respectively include a bottom, side and rear panels which are attached together at adjacent edges thereof.
16. A device as defined in claim 10, further comprising a frame member joining the corner formations together, the frame member being adjustable to adjust the spacing between the

corner formations, thereby to accommodate recliners of varying dimensions.

17. A device as defined in claim 1 wherein the accessories include one or more push bars positionable in selected ones of the second sleeve members for pushing the recliner.

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18. A device as defined in claim 1 wherein the accessories include one or more trays, document holders, or carriers for securing and/or positioning articles on the recliner.

19. A mounting bracket for equipping a chair with one or more accessories, comprising a base frame portion having a periphery which is complementary with and removably attachable to a section of the chair, the base frame including a plurality of mounting locations for receiving the accessories in an operative position on an exterior of the chair.

20. A chair, comprising a chair frame supporting a seat portion and a back portion, a mounting bracket mounted on the chair and a number of chair accessories removably attached to the mounting bracket, the mounting bracket further comprising a base frame portion having a periphery which is complementary with and removably attachable to a rear section of the chair, the base frame including a plurality of mounting locations, each of the chair accessories being arranged for attachment to a corresponding one or more of said mounting locations, in order to be positioned in an operative position on an exterior of the chair.

21. A method of equipping a chair with accessories, comprising the steps of:

- providing a chair with a frame supporting a seat portion and a back portion;
- providing a mounting bracket assembly with a base frame portion having a periphery which is complementary with and removably attachable to a section of the chair;
- providing a number of mounting locations on the mounting bracket assembly for

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removably mounting a number of chair accessories thereon;

- installing the mounting bracket assembly on the chair; and

5 - installing the accessories on the mounting bracket.

22. A conversion device for converting a recliner chair comprising a base with one or more bottom frame plate portions to engage a lower surface of the recliner chair, and a plurality of mounting means for providing mounting locations for one or more peripheral articles for use 10 with respect to the recliner chair.

23. A device as defined in claim 22 further comprising an upright frame plate portion attached to each bottom frame plate portion to engage a side or rear portion of the recliner chair.

15 24. A mounting bracket assembly for equipping a recliner with one or more accessories, comprising a pair of corner bracket units, each having a periphery which is complementary with and removably attachable to a corner region of the recliner, each corner bracket including bottom plate portion, at least one of a side plate portion and a rear base portion, wherein adjacent pairs of the plate portions are attached together along their edges, and a number of 20 mounting formations on one or more of the plate portions, each mounting formation being arranged to engage a complementary shaped mounting member on a recliner accessory article.

25. A kit for converting a recliner chair, comprising a pair of corner bracket units, each having a periphery which is complementary with and removably attachable to a corner region of the recliner, each corner bracket including bottom plate portion, a side plate portion and a rear base portion, wherein adjacent pairs of the plate portions are attached together along their edges, and a number of mounting formations on one or more of the plate portions, the kit further comprising one or more of:

30 - at least one push bar which is positionable with a corresponding mounting

formation in one or more of the corner brackets so as to be adjacent a rear corner of the recliner chair, the push bar having a handle formation which is operatively positioned at an elevation within reach of a caregiver operator of the recliner;

- 5            - a tray assembly having a mounting arm which is positionable with one of said mounting formations, the tray assembly including an arm which is arranged to operatively position the tray adjacent the recliner;
- 10            - one or more of a medication holder for securing a medication container; a holder for supporting a medical accessory and one or more bumper members for preventing damage to the recliner, each having at least one engaging means for engaging a corresponding mounting formation.

26.        A kit as defined in claim 25 wherein the medication holder has a frame for securing the medication container, the frame being length extensible to accommodate varying lengths of medication containers.